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## FITZ GETS DECISION

Twenty Complete Rounds Are Fought at Frisco.

SOME HARD JABS ARE GIVEN

Lowell Man Stands Up Against the Giant.

SPECTATORS ARE SATISFIED

Decision Seems to Meet with General Approval.

San Francisco, Nov. 25.—Bob Fitzsimmons proved tonight that he was not a "dead one" when he out-boxed and out-generaled George Gardner for twenty full rounds.

Fitzsimmons was as awkward and as cunning as a yore and, apparently realizing that he must foster his strength, there was not a moment when he was not carefulness personified. While the old man could avoid punishment from Gardner, he could not knock his opponent out, although he landed a number of vicious blows. From his performance tonight Gardner is not in Fitz's class. He landed on the old-time once in a while, but Fitz was always going away from him and the blows were harmless. Several times Fitz apparently had Gardner almost out, but he was either too tired or lacked his old strength and could not land a knockout punch. Fitz was very skillful in blocking and dodging Gardner's blows and in the clinches and break-aways he was very careful.

The fight did not please the spectators and the men in the ring were frequently hissed when they went through a round without apparently trying to fight.

Referee Eddie Grady, at the close of the contest, said that it was the worst fight he ever saw. He was forced to give the decision to Fitz because the latter scored the knockdowns, but otherwise did no damage. It was apparent that neither man was qualified to claim championship honors.

After the fight Fitz appeared to be overjoyed at his victory and claimed that the reason he did not knock Gardner out was that he broke the knockers of both hands early in the contest. It was either for this reason or because Fitz chose to act mainly on the defensive that the fight was not finished long before the twenty rounds were over.

Gardner's eyes were out open and his nose knocked away, while he hid a little at the mouth. Beyond that there was no damage done to either man. Gardner demonstrated that he did not have a hard punch in him. Whenever he landed a swing it had no force in it and his left jab had no other effect than to make Fitz's nose and mouth a bit red.

Fitz stood several times with his guard open and allowed Gardner to poke him in the nose so Fitz could step in and land short arm jabs. There were occasional flashes when the Fitz of olden times appeared for a moment. But it was only for a moment. He seemed to tire quickly and after a short, vicious run, during which he broke the knockers of both hands and took the grit out of him, he would rest during the remainder of the round.

**FIGHT BY ROUNDS.**

Round 1. They went to the center quickly and indulged in sparring. Gardner danced around lively and ducked a vicious left for the jaw. They came to a little left swing for the jaw, then evaded a similar blow from Gardner. Fitzsimmons landed a straight left high on the chest. The fighting was slow, both men exercising great care. Gardner was short with a right uppercut for the jaw. Both men missed lefts for the head and Gardner received a stinging straight left to the jaw. Fitz followed this with another left to the jaw and a right to the stomach. Fitz sent Gardner's head back with a left to the jaw and a right to the stomach. Gardner landed a straight left to the face. Fitz blocked a hard left to the stomach as the bell rang. The advantage was slightly with Fitz, who received absolutely no attention from his seconds as he went to his corner. Fitz appeared to be suffering from a cold.

Round 2. After considerable sparring both missed lefts for the jaw. Fitz got in a light to the head and Gardner landed twice on the Australian's kidneys with right. Gardner drove his right twice to the body and received a left to the body and a right to the jaw in return. Gardner sent his right to the body and Fitz slipped to the floor as he backed from a right swing. Bob drove a straight left to the stomach and missed a right swing to the jaw. Gardner sent in a right and left foretelling to the body and Fitz retaliated with a right and left to the jaw as the bell sounded. This round was comparatively even, the advantage, if any, being with Gardner. There was not much force to most of the blows landed.

Round 3. Gardner was short with a left for the body and a moment later drove a hard right to the Cornishman's ribs. They then exchanged blows for the body. Fitz missed a left swing for the face and was met with a straight right to the body. Gardner followed it with a right swing to the ribs and two rights to the kidneys. Gardner sent in left and right to the jaw. Fitz's righting occasional swings and did not do much harm. He sent a straight left to Gardner's face and missed another for the same place. Fitz swung a left for the face and rushed Gardner to the ropes. Fitz put a left to the face and a right to the body. Gardner fighting back hard. Fitz gave a flash of his old fire both in this round and others and drew Gardner on. This was Fitz' round. He had not attention from his attendants.

Round 4. Fitz immediately swung a right to the jaw and they mixed it. Bob ducking and blocking cleverly. Fitz stood back and then tried left and right for the jaw but was blocked. He repeated the attempt a moment later but Gardner met him with a straight left to the jaw. Fitzsimmons then sent Gardner

down for seven seconds with two straight lefts to the jaw. Gardner came up fighting wildly. Fitz forced him to the ropes with a straight left to the jaw, sending Gardner against the ropes. Fitz then hooked a vicious right to the jaw and Gardner went to the floor. He came up and Fitz planted several frightful lefts and rights to the face and body that sent the Lowell man to his corner groggy. The tumult for Fitz at this stage was tremendous. Fitz is very cool. He nearly had Gardner out twice.

Round 5. Fitz landed a left swing to the jaw and Gardner went down for the count of nine. Fitz chased him around the ring and had Gardner stalling. Fitz forced Gardner to the ropes with a left to the jaw and a right hook to the body. They came to a mix-up, Gardner being desperate and rushing. He was bleeding from the nose. Fitz swung left and right to the face and forced Gardner to a clinch. Fitz laughed and tried to create an impression of being tired. Gardner drove in two lefts and a right to the body.

As the gong rang Gardner got in his left and right to the body without apparent damage. Fitz had the crowd guessing as to whether he is shamming or actually tired.

Round 6. Fitz missed a right swing for the head and backed away from Gardner. Fitz missed another left for the head and then sent in a straight right to the head as Gardner was going away. Fitz took a couple of left jabs to the face in order to get in a right, but he was short. Fitz cleverly evaded several right and lefts for the body and they mixed it in a corner, fighting tamely. Both exchanged straight lefts to the face and Gardner drove a straight right to the body. The crowd hissed at the tameness of the fighting. After a mix-up Fitz caught Gardner with left and right to the face, cutting Gardner's eye open. Gardner got in a straight left to the stomach at the clang of the bell.

Round 7. Fitz rushed in and swung hard with left and right to the head. He fought fiercely in a mix-up and Fitz was hissed for holding on. Gardner missed a left swing for the jaw. Fitz swung hard left to the jaw and Gardner countered with right to his jaw and left to the body. Gardner missed right uppercut for the jaw and chased Fitz to a corner without landing a blow. Fitz then missed a left swing for the jaw. Both men looked very tired at this stage. They got to close quarters and both used lefts and rights for the body, but the efforts were futile. The gong found both men fighting tamely, with the crowd jeering and urging them on. Fitz appeared to be losing his speed and seems content with acting more on the defensive.

Round 8. Both men were short with lefts for the face. Fitz feinted with right and a good left to the face. The Australian was backing away, allowing Gardner to do the leading. Gardner finally landed a left to the head and a right to the stomach and a left hook lightly to the face. Gardner landed a vicious left for the jaw and sent a straight left lightly to the face. Fitz missed left and right swings for the jaw and they came to a clinch in Gardner's corner. Fitz sent Gardner against the ropes with left and right to the jaw and then put a left to the jaw and a right to the body. Gardner clinched and blocked a right and left uppercut for the jaw. Fitz improved again in this round and had the advantage.

Round 9. The Cornishman backed away, allowing Gardner to do the leading. Gardner was short with left for the head and missed a right swing for the body. Fitz then met him with a left hook to the jaw and danced away to the Lowell pug chased him around the ring. Gardner missed a right swing for the body. Gardner continued to chase Fitz around the ring, but did not succeed in landing. Fitz finally waded in and forced Gardner to the ropes, but more from wrestling than from blows. Gardner swung a good right to the kidneys and swung a right to the jaw as the bell rang. Gardner's right swing for the jaw missed a right swing to the jaw and Fitzsimmons only smiled. Fitz has slowed up considerably, but is evidently laying for his famous knock-out punch.

Round 10. Fitz missed a fierce right hook for the head and Gardner was wild with a right swing. Fitz backed away and contented himself with blocking Gardner's leads. Fitz jolted Gardner with a left to the jaw, but Gardner evaded it. Gardner landed a straight left to the jaw. Fitz hooked his left to the face and they came together. Fitz broke it up with a left hook hard to the stomach and Gardner jabbed Fitz's mouth three times with left, drawing blood. Fitz crossed with left to face. Gardner kept jabbing with left to the mouth and tan-gling with his body and they came together. Gardner took the blows with a view of getting in a good punch. They came together with considerable force at the close of the round and Gardner slipped to his haunches. He was up quickly and went at once to his corner.

Round 11. Fitz caught Gardner with right to the stomach and then hooked him viciously with a left on the wind. Gardner was backing away, blocking him. Gardner's punches seemed to lack force. Gardner swung his left to the body and backed away from two left swings for the face. Fitz jolted Gardner with a straight left to the stomach and Fitz cleverly blocked Gardner's attempts. Fitz took most of the light blows but blocked the hard ones. Gardner sent the hardest blow Gardner had tamed in with a left swing to the jaw, staggering Gardner. The gong rang at this stage. Fitz had the advantage of the round.

Round 12. Fitz, as usual, backed away. They came together in the mix-up but no damage was done. Gardner jabbed a left into Fitz's face and closed in as the latter tried a straight left for the jaw. The men again stood up and the crowd yelled at the contestants. Fitz shifted and brought a hard left swing to the jaw. He tried to follow with a right but missed his mark. Fitz then swung for the head but missed. Gardner landed a few light blows on Fitz, but Fitz took them, at the same time trying to bring his right into play. Gardner's blows were very light. As yet he had failed to land a telling blow on the lanky Australian.

Round 13. Fitz missed a left swing for the jaw and received a straight left to the mouth. Gardner then poked Fitz in the stomach with a straight left to Fitz's nose and followed it with two more weak lefts to the face. Fitz smiling. Fitz swung a left for the head, but it went around Gardner's head. Gardner missed a swing for the head and Gardner rushed in and got left and right on the body. Gardner then hit Fitz rather low, and was cautioned by the referee. Gardner then got in several good rights to the body, and Fitz sent him back with a right swing to the head. The bell rang with Gardner fighting fiercely, and he succeeded in landing several short arm blows to Fitz's

## TREATY WILL BE SIGNED

Panama Will Allow No Time to Be Wasted.

MANUSCRIPT IN TRANSIT

Special Train Will Await the Messenger.

WILL RETURN AT ONCE

Same Messenger Will Embark for New York.

Colon, Nov. 25.—It is proposed when the messenger bearing the Panama canal treaty reaches Colon, December 1, to have a special train ready to transport him quickly across the isthmus to Panama, where the treaty will undoubtedly be signed by the members of the junta. The train meantime will be kept waiting and when the treaty has been signed the bearer will be promptly brought back to Colon. The steamer Yucatan, due to sail December 1 for New York will be delayed until the messenger arrives when he will embark on the Yucatan, thus starting for New York on the same day that he arrives.

This proposal is meeting with some opposition from those desiring to discuss the treaty at length, fearing that its terms will be too favorable to the United States. It is probable, however, that this opposition will be overcome.

Two seconds and showed no effects of the blow as he took his chair.

Round 14. Gardner was short with a straight left for the body. Fitz feinted with right and sent two lefts to the jaw. He followed it with a hard left hook to the jaw and a hard right to the body. Swinging fiercely he sent the Lowell man to the floor for five seconds. Fitz then missed a fearful right swing for the jaw and chased Gardner against the ropes, trying to put in a vital blow, but his efforts were wild. Gardner looked groggy and stilled repeatedly. The blood was streaming from his nose and as they went to a clinch the crowd hissed Gardner for hitting in the clinch. Fitz swung his right to the jaw and sent Gardner against the ropes. He followed him around the ring and missed a right swing that would have ended the fight had it landed, as the bell rang. Gardner went to his corner groggy. Fitz appeared cool and smiled at his friends.

Round 15. Fitz swung with left and missed. Then they both went into a clinch. Emerging, Fitz missed a hard swing to the jaw and Gardner countered in getting a glancing left to the jaw. Fitz drove his right to the body and then shifted it to the head and cleverly evaded counters. Fitz fought carefully and made his blows count when he reached the Lowell man's anatomy. Fitz landed a left and right swing to the jaw and just missed another for the same place. Fitz jabs Gardner with a hard right swing to the jaw and a left hook to the body. Gardner again stalled. Fitz missed another right swing for the jaw and as they came together Gardner got in a straight left to the face. This was Fitz's round.

Round 16. Gardner got in a left and right on Bob's face and forced him to a corner. Fitz came back with a stinging straight left for the face. Fitz nursed his strength carefully, and made no unnecessary moves. Fitz swung hard with right for the jaw, but Gardner ducked it. Gardner missed it, but Fitz caught him with short arm left to the face. Gardner then hooked his left to Fitz's stomach. Fitz caught Gardner on the head with a hard right swing and covered up well. Gardner swung right to the jaw at the clang of the bell, but the force was slight. Gardner has been putting up a very disappointing fight.

Round 17. They spent much time in desultory sparring. Fitz looking for an opening. Fitz got in a light left to the face, and both missed rights for the body. Fitz was short with a straight left for the body and Gardner put in a right to the head and left to the face, forcing Fitz to the ropes. No harm was done, however, the blows being weak. Fitz missed a hard left hook for the body and they went to a mix-up in which the Australian did some clever blocking. Gardner got his left high on the body and Fitz missed left swings for the jaw and body. Gardner sent in a hard right to the head and left to the face. It was the hardest blow Gardner had tamed in during the fight, but not hard enough to worry Fitz, who went to his corner smiling.

Round 18. Gardner forced Fitz around the ring, missing left and right swings for the jaw. Fitzsimmons tried a left swing for the jaw, but Gardner got inside it and tried a right hook for the body, but Bob blocked it. Gardner swung right to the face lightly. Bob feinted with right and swung a vicious left for the jaw, but missed. He then swung hard with right, but received a left swing to the jaw that made him wince. Fitz backed away and Gardner got in a glancing left to the face. Fitz got in two rights hard to the jaw, as they closed in, and blocked a right uppercut for the jaw.

Round 19. Gardner forced Fitz to the ropes, but Fitz came back with a left to the head. Gardner then slipped to the floor, but Fitz assisted him to his feet. Gardner sent a straight left to Fitz's nose and followed it with two more weak lefts to the face. Fitz smiling. Fitz swung a left for the head, but it went around Gardner's head. Gardner missed a swing for the head and Gardner rushed in and got left and right on the body. Gardner then hit Fitz rather low, and was cautioned by the referee. Gardner then got in several good rights to the body, and Fitz sent him back with a right swing to the head. The bell rang with Gardner fighting fiercely, and he succeeded in landing several short arm blows to Fitz's

stomach. As usual, they were weak.

Round 20 and last. Fitz missed a straight left for the face and they went to a clinch. Fitz led with left for the face. In a mix-up Gardner bombarded at Fitz's stomach, but the blows were all blocked. Gardner got in a light left to the stomach and blocked two left swings for the body. Gardner swung a right to the body and in a mix-up landed several rights and lefts to the body. They clinched and the referee could hardly separate them. Fitz sent a straight left to the face, and both clung to each other. Gardner doing most of the hanging on. Gardner was clinging to Fitz, and Referee Graney could not separate them as the final gong rang.

Graney promptly gave the decision to Fitz, which was greeted with cheers.

**TURKEY WEIGHS 35 POUNDS.**

President's Dinner Today Will Embrace One Large Bird.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Fine, fat and juicy is the turkey for the president and his family will be the Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday. The bird arrived this morning. Its weight is thirty-five pounds, and it is probably the finest that Henry Voss, the famous turkey raiser of Western Rhode Island, has ever sent to the White House for the Thanksgiving meal.

The turkey will be kept on ice until it is turned over to the care of the chef. It will start the morning in preserving the palatable qualities of the fowl when it adorns the president's dinner table.

**IN THE JOLO GROUP**

PICTURE IS GIVEN OF CONDITIONS IN SOME ISLANDS.

When Chiefs Are Thwarted Their War Breaks Out.

Washington, Nov. 25.—A strong picture of conditions in the Jolo group of the Philippine archipelago is contained in a letter from the United States military attaché to Col. Clarence Edwards, chief of the insular bureau of the war department. The letter, which is dated September 23, is made public as an explanation for the campaign which is now waging in the Jolo group. In it the writer says:

"I find that the condition is one of peace so long as the Moro chiefs are allowed to have their own way unopposedly to rob and to steal and enslave. The sultan is a man of no power of his own, and must depend on the chiefs, who may or may not do what he wishes. They are all surrounded by gangs of ruffians who do no useful work, but who live through the robbery and by using both sides in a case, irrespective of who may be guilty, the full amount of the ability to pay. If the victim refuses to pay he is enslaved. No peace or order can be maintained in the Philippine islands so long as these conditions exist. Movable property is always on the move without the desire of the owner; men say they will travel and accumulate property which they will not be willing to enjoy, and there are constant rumors, much excitement. No one is allowed to go beyond the outskirts here without an armed guard, and it is even advisable to go about the streets here armed on account of the jurisdiction, one of whom got through the gate post and sent him to the guard house with his arms. A soldier through the barrack yard, slung a soldier across the back and led dead on the main plaza and in front of the commissary office, shot five times by a fusillade from our soldiers, which killed also a trumpeter who was getting ready for guard. This morning the sultan's seven hundred men who have appeared since last spring. One engineer soldier was chopped up last spring by one of them. He chopped off a leg and an arm each at one stroke of his barong. All during the spring the garrison has practically been in a state of siege. When Captain Eltinge's troops went out they surrounded him, brandishing their barongs and spears and he had to come back because his orders were by no means to have a conflict.

"You will see by this the way peace has been kept heretofore, and at what sacrifice. Now the Moro provinces are completely changed, among others the abolishment of slavery, a very important thing. It contemplates trials of offenders by district courts, and these things will surely bring on conflict."

**TOUR OF SIGHT SEEING.**

Many Railroad Men of Prominence Are in the Party.

Salt Lake, Utah, Nov. 25.—President E. H. Harriman of the Southern Pacific arrived in Salt Lake on a special train at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Accompanying him was a party of prominent railroad officials of the west, among them being President Hurt of the Union Pacific, President Ewing of the Milwaukee, President Wilcox of the Delaware and Hudson, Vice President F. A. Cochran of the Chicago and Alton, President Harahan of the Illinois Central, General Manager Gardner of the Chicago and Northern Pacific, General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington and Missouri river railroad.

The party was joined at Ogden by President J. Kruttschnitt, General Passenger Agent McCormick of the Southern Pacific and General Passenger Agent Craig of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company.

On arriving in Salt Lake the party was taken by a committee of business men for a tour of sight-seeing, and at 6 o'clock attended a musicale at the tabernacle. The party was given an informal dinner at the Alta club and the train left for Ogden at 10 o'clock.

The Lucien cut-off will be dedicated at noon tomorrow.

## WILL FIGHT TO THE LAST

Adjutant General Bell Is Warned by a Letter.

HE THREATENS IN TURN

Will Enlist More Troops If Defense Requires.

ASSASSINS MUST DEPART

Anarchy Cannot Mar the Fair Name of Colorado.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Nov. 25.—Three companies of the National Guard from Lamar, Rocky Ford and Pueblo arrived at Camp Goldfield today and the guards various strategic points in the district are being strengthened, particular attention being given to the outskirts. Colonel A. W. Hogle said today that he believed conditions were more dangerous now than at any time since the strike began.

One union miner, named Joseph, who had been heard to say that he knew some facts about the Vindicator explosion, has been arrested and held in the "bull pen," but separated from the other prisoners. He has refused to tell what he knows or explain his remark. He recently gave up a good position at the Portland mine to accept work at the Vindicator.

Augustus Johnson and J. P. Isbell, two of the men arrested on Sunday, were released today.

Governor Peabody and Adjutant General Bell have received threatening letters within the past few days. One of the communications to General Bell says: "You will be popped over if you come to Cripple Creek."

Another letter warns the officials of the existence of a plot to blow up the wing of the capitol where the governor and adjutant general's offices are located. All the letters are turned over to the Pinkerton agency as fast as received. No attempt has been made to guard the military officers because no fears are entertained that any violence will actually be attempted in Denver.

The reserve force numbers 500 men, and they will be fully equipped within the next few days.

General Bell called his stenographer into his office this afternoon and dictated the following statement for publication:

"We will fight it out in Colorado if it takes every able bodied man in the state, and some who are not able bodied, to the end that law and order is maintained and Socialism, Anarchy and Mobism are wiped off the earth and there isn't a grease spot left of those who assassinate, dynamite, molest, disturb, or in any manner interfere with the commercial activities of the state. We will stand by the reserve force of the Vindicator mine in the Cripple Creek district, Saturday, according to Adjutant General Bell. He says that those who caused the explosion which killed Superintendent McCormack and Melvin Beck, also plotted to blow up the Gold Coin, Findlay, Golden, Cripple Creek, and other mines, and several other properties."

General Bell learned that the revolver wound at the scene of the explosion was one of a number sold to the San Juan Hardware company by the manufacturers, of Telluride, on October 2. A partial description of the man who bought the revolver was secured. General Bell is sure that the man is one of the sixteen now being guarded inside the military lines at Camp Goldfield. He is certain that all of those concerned in the Vindicator affair, with one exception, are in custody. One of the men wanted managed to get out of the district before a cordon of soldiers was thrown around the camp, and is on his way to Seattle, according to information which has been gathered since his departure. It is not believed that he will escape. Of the sixteen men now being held at Camp Goldfield, about a dozen are charged with being principals or accessories in the Vindicator affair. The remainder are held in with the attempt to wreck a Florence and Cripple Creek train a few days ago.

It is generally believed that Charles McKinnley, the alleged train wrecker, who was spirited out of the district to the penitentiary for safe keeping, is the person from whom the authorities have secured most incriminating evidence. One proof that violence was plotted is a list of names of non-union miners at work on the properties said to have been received in the boom list, have been receiving mysterious warnings not to work, upon peril of bearing the consequences.

**ARTICLES ARE SIGNED.**

San Domingo Has Been Turned Over to Revolutionists.

## POLLOCK IS THE JUDGE

Kansas Delegation Fails to Agree on a Man.

PRESIDENT GIVES SURPRISE

Takes the Appointment Into His Own Hands.

SATISFACTION IS GENERAL

Delegation as a Whole Pleased with the Outcome.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Justice John C. Pollock, of the supreme court of Kansas, has been selected as the successor to United States District Judge Hook, who recently was appointed United States circuit judge of Kansas.

The selection narrowed down to Chief Justice W. A. Johnston of the supreme court of Kansas, and Judge Pollock, the latter finally being selected. The appointment is understood to give satisfaction to the congressional delegation from Kansas.

A Washington special to the Eagle says the Kansas delegation met in the morning and voted, but the ballot for Judge remained unchanged. The delegation could not agree. To the surprise of all, President Roosevelt named Justice Pollock at noon. His name was sent to the senate at that hour.

**CHIEF OF ARTILLERY.**

Most of the Men Have Had Less Than Five Years' Service.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Adjutant General Wallace Randolph, chief of artillery, in his annual report, made public today, calls attention to the fact that only about 34 per cent of the total number of artillery officers present for duty have had over five years' experience in the artillery. "The gravity of this situation," he says, "will be readily appreciated when it is recalled that at the present time the duties and responsibilities of an artillery officer are greater than ever before."

The report states that the regular estimate of coast artillery consists of 156 companies, of an aggregate strength of 25 officers and 13,724 enlisted men. General Randolph believes it to be essential to efficiency in war that the regular coast artillery establishment be ultimately increased to 321 officers and about 22,000 enlisted men. General Randolph says it is a problem how to secure efficient support by the militia in the mobilization of the coast defenses.

The chief of artillery, the report adds, is fully alive to the necessity and desirability of fostering the relations of the organized militia to the coast artillery for the training of the coast defenses and anticipates the development of marked efficiency in the militia and a corresponding sense of satisfaction and security in the artillery corps as soon as these relations are established. It is believed that the militia can find its greatest usefulness in undertaking such work as the manning of the lighter armament, particularly the rapid fire guns.

**WITH A CHISEL.**

Man Calls and Attacks a Girl Without Reason.

Boston, Nov. 25.—An unknown man who called at the office of the Boston News Brokerage company, here today, to inquire about making a loan, assaulted Miss Lillian B. Goff, the stenographer, with a chisel, causing serious wounds. He struck the woman repeatedly on the head, inflicting scalp wounds and lacerating her face. Her hands also were cut. She is in a critical condition. Miss Goff managed to break a window and scream for help, but the man had escaped. The reason for the assault is a mystery.

**PORTS ARE CLOSED.**

Cartagena and Savannah Closed to Colon Steamers.

Colon, Nov. 25.—It is a matter of the steamer Venezuela, which arrived yesterday from Savannah, confirms the previous statements to the effect that Cartagena and Savannah are closed to steamers going to or coming from Colon. The Venezuelan agent at Savannah reported that the Venezuela was not aware of the closing of the ports and asked as a special favor that a Colon clearance be granted. The authorities acquiesced, but said they could not do so again. The decree closing the ports of Cartagena and Savannah originated with the government of the department of Bolivar. The protests of foreign consuls and steamship agents are still unheeded.

**TO REMIT PENALTIES.**

Washington, Nov. 25.—The question of the disposition to be made of the cruiser USS Cleveland and Denver, which after being given trial trips were found lacking in contrast speed, has been considered for some time by Secretary Moody, who has decided to recommend to congress that the regular session a remission of the penalties.

**SNOW FELL IN KANSAS.**

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 25.—The first snow of the season began falling last night and this morning the ground is covered to a depth of about one and one-half inches. The snowfall continued. According to the weather bureau, the snow extends over eastern Nebraska and Kansas, western Iowa, southern Illinois and the whole of Missouri.

**THE WEATHER.**

Washington, Nov. 25.—Forecast: Kansas—Fair Thursday and Friday; warmer in eastern portion Friday. Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Fair Thursday and Friday; warmer Friday.